

Claims

1. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant, wherein the cover is formed from a sheet of fabric or the like shaped so that it may be comfortably draped around a mother's torso during breast feeding in order to allow discrete breast feeding of an infant, the cover being provided with a single strap means to fit over a shoulder of the mother to prevent the cover from falling away from the torso.
2. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 1, wherein the strap is permanently fixed to the cover, so that in use, an arm of the mother is able to be inserted through the space between the strap and cover so as to fit the cover to the mother by placing the strap over the shoulder.
3. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 2, in which the strap is provided with adjustment means, so that it may fit a variety of sized women.
4. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 2, wherein the strap is attached permanently to the cover by one end thereof only, the other end of the strap being detachable from the cover to facilitate fitment or adjustment of the cover.
5. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 2, wherein the strap comprises two portions, each joined to the cover and which can be joined in suitable fashion to form the shoulder strap in use, suitable attachment means, including using Velcro® attachment means, tying or by utilising a buckle arrangement or the like.
6. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the cover is provided with one or more pockets formed therein or otherwise attached thereto.

7. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 6, wherein the one or more pockets are of a suitable size so as to accommodate at least one or more nursing pads.
8. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 7,  
5 wherein the at least two pockets are provided, one each on opposite sides of the cover to allow versatility in use thereby allowing the cover to be effectively reversible.
9. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of claims 6 to 8, in which the one or more pockets are formed by sewing, bonding or  
10 gluing of the fabric or fabrics from which the cover and pockets are formed.
10. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the fabric forming the cover is a single sheet of fabric.
11. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of claims 1 to 9, in which the fabric forming the cover is made from two or more plies  
15 of fabric or sheeting suitably joined about their periphery, or elsewhere as required, by known means including sewing, bonding or gluing.
12. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 11, in which the respective fabrics are chosen so that the inner side in use is a soft  
20 absorbent fabric, and the outer side is a more resistant or non permeable fabric, including one which is water proof or moisture resistant.
13. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 12, in which the material for the cover is chosen from conventional woven and knitted fabric structures, other textile fabrics including felts and non-woven fabrics,  
25 flexible plastics sheeting, or “space” blanket material having a shiny metallic like surface on one side.

14. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of claims 11 to 13, wherein the fabric of the cover is essentially opaque.
15. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of claims 11 to 13 wherein the material of the cover allows some visual contact  
5 between mother and infant without necessarily compromising the use of the cover.
16. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the cover is shaped in generally arcuate fashion, being derived from a sector of a circle, comprising around one third to one half of a notional circle of fabric.
- 10 17. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to claim 16 wherein the shoulder strap is attached at points on the cover along the sides corresponding to the radii of the sector and generally located in the vicinity of the centre of that notional circle.
- 15 18. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant according to either claim 16 or claim 17 wherein the area around the attachment point of the shoulder strap is shaped so as to provide a more comfortable fit for the cover as it passes across the torso and thence around and under the armpit of the mother, by providing a cut-out portion generally along one radii of the sector forming the overall shape of the cover.
- 20 19. A cover for use in breast feeding or bottle feeding an infant substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.